were read in their due order, and her Majesty gave her roval assent to nineteen public Acts and ten private Then \vas the Parliament dissolved by the Lord Keeper in these words

Dominus Gustos magm Stgilh ex mandate Dommae Reginac dusoluit praesens Parhamentum

The parliament being thus dissolved and each one readv to depart without any further expectation, the Queen raised herself out of her royal seat and made a short pithy speech First she thanked God for her miraculous preservation from the many traitorous practices of miscreant subjects who designed thereto by foreign enemies have sought to take away her life Next, quoth she, ' you shall understand that touching our civil government sithence the beginning of our reign, in all causes we have undertaken to hear and determine, our heart hath been as a plain table ready to receive any impression , so most willing to hear the allegations of each party, yet ever more inclining our sentence to the sincerity of proof and soundness of reason *

Then spake she of the many petitions of the Low Countnes and the actions of the late King of Spain therein, as also the young King, who will begin war upon us without cause nor drawn upon us by any provocation of ours, but a rash enterprise proceeding of malice or vainglory; whereby, she said, * as we nothing fear, so let no man doubt but that the justice and omnipotence of God is such that in every war He giveth victory to the innocent and fighteth evermore for those that sincerely serve Him , upon which confidence we may repose ourselves in courage and alacrity, whatsoever be practized against us

* Concerning our affection to our people, it is our happiest

felicity and most inward joy that no Pnnce ever governed a more faithful, valiant, and loving people, whose peace and prosperity we evermore prefer before all temporal blessings, and be you well assured whether we make peace or war the good of our people shall be evermore preferred therein We never attempted anything to damage or dishonour our people, and though we may not attribute merits to our own wit in choosing out the safe harbour for us all to anchor at, yet the finger of God, directing the action of all Princes that sincerely serve Him, and our long lived experience though in a mean wit, shall make